



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2003
Committee Statement
LB 611

Hearing Date: February 13, 2003

Committee On: Health and Human Services

Introducer(s): (Tyson, Aguilar, Combs, Redfield, Thompson)

Title: Eliminate the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Advanced to General File with Amendments

X Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

6	Yes	Senator Jensen, Cunningham, Maxwell, Erdman, Johnson and Stuthman
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No

Present, not voting

1	Absent	Senator Byars
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Proponents:

Senator Tyson

Stacey Groff

Representing:

Introducer

Self

Opponents:

Barbara Walker

Roy Hobley

Stephen Speicher

Amy Eidenmiller

Pearle Van Zandt

Carlos Servan

Llenana Messer

Ryan Strunk

Dave Samson

Daryl Walla

Nye Bond

Mike Floyd

Ryan Osentowski

Brent Hewen

Representing:

Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Nebraska Federation of the Senior Blind

American Council of the Blind of Nebraska

Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

National Federation of the Blind

Self

Self

Self

Self

Self

National Federation of the Blind

National Federation of the Blind

Self

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes: The bill deletes all provisions relating to the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired and reverts all functions of the commission back to the Department of Health and Human Services. The bill has an operative date of July 1, 2003 and has an emergency clause.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Jim Jensen, Chairperson